


# Long Term Care Presentation

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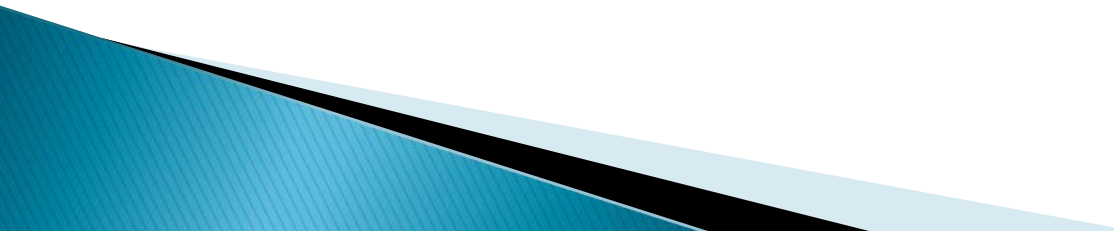
# What is a veteran?

- ▶ A veteran is someone who has served on active duty in the military and received a discharge that is **NOT** dishonorable.
  - ▶ Active duty means Title 10 Federal Active Duty (except for Training)
  - ▶ Definitions vary dependent on the program, both federal and state programs, including VA eligibility
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# What is Military Service?

- ▶ Service in one or more of the following:
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
  - Marine Corps
  - Coast Guard
  
- \*\* May include National Guard and/or Reserves!

# How do you know?

- ▶ Veterans look like everyone else
  - ▶ Many think that combat service is required
  - ▶ National Guard and Reservists might be.
  - ▶ Most will not voluntarily self identify.
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- ▶ Ask: Have you ever served in the armed forces/military?
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# What do service members do?

- ▶ Traditional land combat operations
  - Includes:
    - Combat
    - Combat Support & Logistics

## ▶ World Wide Deployment

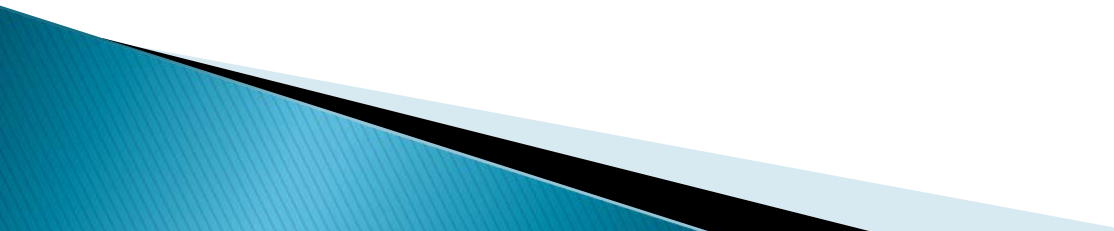
- Peacekeeping missions
- Humanitarian missions
- Security Operations
- Keep sea lanes open allow free trade and supply
- Project national power as a tool of diplomacy

## ▶ At home

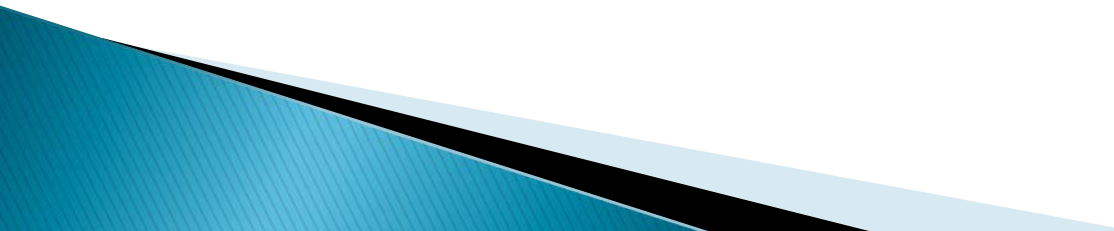
- Protect and defend national borders
- Maintain waterways and aids to navigation
- Search and rescue missions



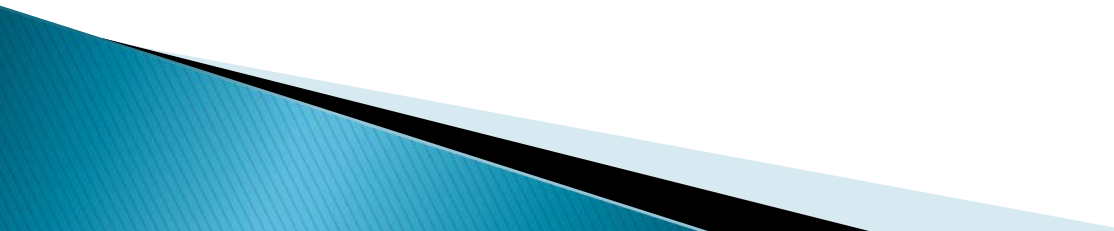
# Special Veterans

- ▶ Veterans who receive VA Compensation
  - ▶ Veterans who receive VA NSC Pension
  - ▶ Survivors of certain veterans
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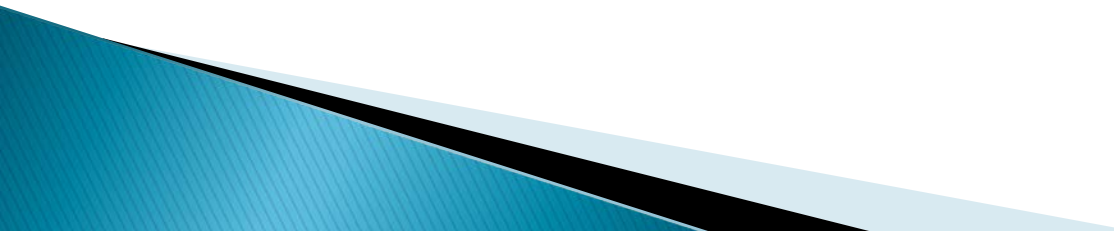
# Service connected disabilities

- ▶ Cover a wide range of physical and psychological injuries and exposure risks
  - ▶ May be directly combat related
  - ▶ May be related to toxic exposure
  - ▶ May be directly work related
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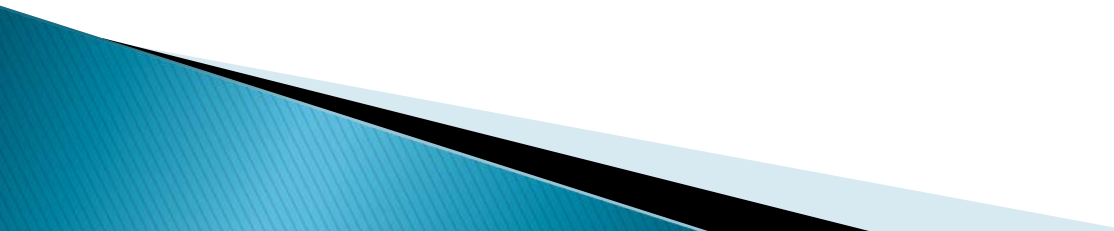
# Non-Service Connected Pension

- ▶ Veteran of a period of war
  - ▶ Totally Disabled
  - ▶ Poor
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# Survivors

- ▶ Widows/Widowers of veterans who died of service connected disability
  - ▶ Widows/Widowers of veterans who served in period of war who meet income thresholds.
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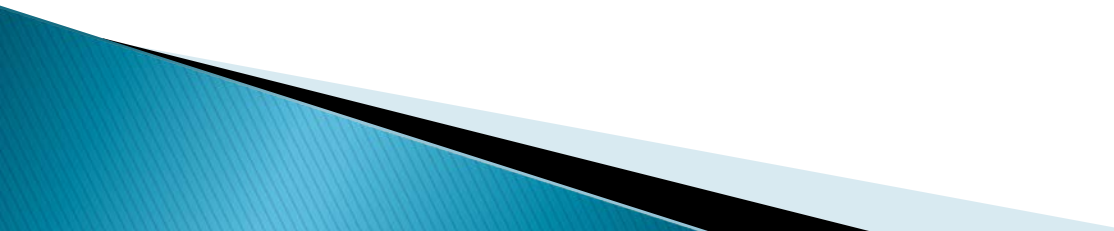
# SC Issues leading to LTC

- ▶ Psychiatric disorders, including PTSD
  - ▶ Traumatic Brain Injuries
  - ▶ Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
  - ▶ Ischemic Heart Disease
  - ▶ Diabetes, type 2
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# VA?

- ▶ VA = US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- ▶ Three separate entities
  - Medical
  - Benefits
  - Cemetery

# VA Medical Benefits

- ▶ All veterans of OIF/OEF automatically eligible for 5 years after discharge
  - ▶ All veterans with service connected disabilities eligible
  - ▶ All other veterans eligible based on income
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# Disability Benefits

- ▶ VA Regional Office in White River Junction
  - Service connected disabilities
  - Application process
  - Determination guidelines
  - Help for veterans with process
  - Service connection gateway to other services



► Questions?